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Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed 12 November 2004 is considered non-compliant because it has not been submitted in the format required under 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on 30 June 2003 (see 68 Fed. Reg. 38611). In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required. **Only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's amendment document must be re-submitted. 37 CFR 1.121(h).**

Claims 14, 21 and 28 are identified as being "currently amended" but only claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 9-13 were pending in the previous Office action. Any claims added by amendment must be presented in the claim listing with the status identifier "(new)"; the text of the claim must not be underlined.

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714 and the USPTO website at <http://uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf>.

Since the amendment appears to be *bona fide* attempt to be a reply (37 CFR 1.135(c)), applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE MONTH from the mailing of this notice within which to re-submit the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121 in order

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AVAILABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raleigh Chiu whose telephone number is (703) 308-2247. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Greg Vidovich, can be reached on (703) 308-1513.

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